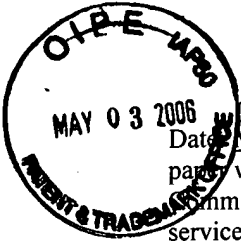


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In re Application of: ROSENGART)	Examiner: Henry M. Johnson III
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Application Number: 10/706,506)	Group Art Unit: 3739
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CUTTING A HEART VALVE

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 3, 2006

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated February 3, 2006, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before May 3, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.